

Call for Applications:

Sociology of Education Editorship

Applications are invited for the next editor(s) of *Sociology of Education*. The editorial term will run from January 2028 through December 2030. To apply, submit your application to publications@asanet.org no later than **December 1, 2026**.

Sociology of Education publishes research that examines how social institutions and individuals' experiences within these institutions affect educational processes and social development. Such research may span various levels of analysis, ranging from the individual to the structure of relations among social and educational institutions. In an increasingly complex society, important educational issues arise throughout the life cycle. The journal presents a balance of papers examining all stages and all types of education at the individual, institutional, and organizational levels. *Sociology of Education* invites contributions from all methodologies.

Editorial Term and Editor Transition Timeline

The current editors, William Carbonaro and Anna Haskins (University of Notre Dame), end their terms in December 2027. Editorial transition will begin in the summer of 2027, with the official new editorial term commencing January 2028. The editorial term is a minimum of three years (until December 2030), with a possible reappointment of up to an additional two years.

Responsibilities

Journal editors provide leadership by publishing work that is consistent with the mission of the journal. The quality of a journal ultimately depends on the quality of submissions. However, outreach, openness to communicating with scholars about diverse ideas, and an editor's zest for building new bridges and connections can enhance the significance and breadth of work published in a journal.

At present, *Sociology of Education* receives approximately 250 new submissions per year. The editor is responsible for securing timely and appropriate reviews, making final decisions on manuscripts, and informing both the author(s) and reviewers of the final disposition. Editors must maintain the high standards of the journal, ensuring that issues are filled within the page allocation and preventing an excessive backlog of articles. *Sociology of Education* is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Editors should expect to spend some time on editorial responsibilities most days. Most editors report spending a combined total of one or more full days per week on editorial responsibilities.

Eligibility

Editors must be ASA members and maintain membership through the editorship. Editors must hold a tenured position or equivalent in an academic or non-academic setting.

ASA encourages applications for both sole editorships and co-editorships. If you are interested in applying as part of a co-editor team and would like to be connected with colleagues who share your interest, please complete the [Co-editorship Interest Form](#). Applications from members of historically underrepresented groups are encouraged.

Members of ASA Council, Finance Committee, and ASA Publications Committee are **not eligible** to apply or serve as an editor. Editors and editors-elect may not serve on any other ASA editorial board.

Selection Criteria

The Publications Committee receives many qualified applications and appointment to the editorship of an ASA journal or series is highly selective. In accordance with ASA's goal of publishing high quality scholarship, the following criteria are considered in selecting editors:

- Established record of scholarship;
- Evidence of understanding the mission of the journal and its operation, as indicated by experience with the journal through publication, reviewing, editorial board experience, or other activities;
- Assessment of the present state of the journal, its strengths and challenges, and a vision for the journal's future;
- Openness to different methods, theories, and approaches to sociology;
- Record of responsible service to scholarly publishing and evidence of organizational skill and intellectual leadership; and
- Evidence of commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and principles.

Please note that the ASA Publications Committee seeks editors who embrace ASA's [diversity statement](#) and plan to bring a commitment to DEI principles to their work. The Publications Committee will continue to work with sociologists across our Association to ensure that our work realizes these principles holistically.

Application Review Timeline

December 2026	Editor search committee begins their review of applications.
January 2027	Publications Committee meets, and forwards their recommendations to ASA Council.
March 2027	ASA Council reviews Publications Committee's recommendations and selects editors.

Review of applications will begin in December. In December and January, applicants may be contacted by members of the editor search committee to clarify questions raised in deliberations. After its January meeting, the Publications Committee forwards a list of appointable candidates (which may be ranked or unranked) to the ASA Council. In March, Council will review the Publications Committee's recommendations and select editors. Following Council's decision, selected candidates will be contacted to reaffirm their commitment to serve. The candidate(s) then can negotiate with their institution and finalize the appointment with ASA by signing a formal letter of agreement.

Financial Support

The budget for *Sociology of Education* provides for necessary staffing to undertake the work involved in processing and reviewing manuscripts. This includes funds for a half-time managing editor and/or editorial assistant(s) and additional funds for copyediting. *SOE* has a long-term managing editor who has served in this role for many years and is willing to continue to serve. Should you instead prefer to hire someone at your own institution for this position, ASA provides funding of \$25,000 per year for salary and benefits if your institution does not. Graduate students may be used on a stipendiary or hourly basis; qualified nonstudents may also be used. (Some prior editors have hired graduate students as independent contractors in this role, which is an option when institutional stipends are prohibitively high). ASA also provides an editorial honorarium of \$4,000 per year (divided in the case of co-editors) and support for office supplies and postage.

ASA does not typically pay for office space, teaching release, or tuition. Alternative models of funding may be possible if the impact on the overall cost for ASA support is minimal (e.g., institutional support for the managing editor or editorial assistant position could allow for use of the ASA budgeted funds for course release or tuition).

It is important for candidates to consider the feasibility of serving as editor in light of the available resources from both ASA and other sources. Candidates are strongly encouraged to discuss possible resource allocation with their institutions in advance of applying. The document, [Talking Points: Benefits to Hosting an ASA Journal for a Department and University](#), may be helpful when discussing available resources with your institution.

As institutional support varies widely, you are encouraged to contact Catherine Yim, ASA Director of Publications (cyim@asanet.org), to discuss the level and type of ASA support that could be available to you in the context of your anticipated institutional package. Detailed financial arrangements are not developed until after ASA Council appoints the editor.

Application Submission

Applicants are encouraged to review [examples of successful editor proposals](#). The application packet should be no more than five pages (approximately 2,500-3,000 words) and should include the following:

Editor/Co-Editor Information: Provide your name, affiliation, and other important information about yourself and, if applicable, co-editors. Describe the qualifications of the potential editor(s) and include vitae for the potential editor(s) (vitae are not included in the packet page limit).

Vision Statement: Set forth your goals and plans for the content of the journal. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, weaknesses, or gaps that you plan to address and how you will implement your plan.

Editorial Board: If appointed, editors will assemble an editorial team by nominating new editorial board members to take the place of those who rotate off at the end of the year. Some editors also nominate deputy editors. The Publications Committee must approve all appointments of editorial board members and deputy editors once the editor selection has been made. In your application, please discuss how you plan to use editorial board members and any deputy editors as part of your larger editorial team. You are not required to provide specific names of potential deputy editors or editorial board members in your application; however, successful editorship applications will often include them.

Note: Editorial board members typically review several manuscripts for the journal in a given year and sometimes assist the editor in selecting other reviewers. Some journals have deputy editors who work closely with editors to assist in editorial decision-making and problem solving. Deputy editors also sometimes assume the role of editor in cases where editors have a conflict of interest. By appointing several deputy editors with varied areas of expertise, editors can expand their ability to provide in-house feedback to authors.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Write a statement that (1) critically reflects on how your race/ethnicity, gender, and class background shapes your understanding of sociological scholarship and your commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at the individual, organizational, or institutional level, (2) describes your involvement in DEI initiatives and efforts to promote equitable and inclusive leadership citing specific accomplishments and the roles you have played, and (3) outlines specific ways you plan to include marginalized scholars as editorial board members, manuscript reviewers, and

authors, particularly scholars from racially marginalized backgrounds and those who are the first in their family to finish college. Please note in your application if you are restricted from answering this question due to state legislation.

Professional Ethics and Scientific Integrity Self-Disclosure: All nominees for editorships are required to answer a self-disclosure question regarding professional ethics and scientific integrity. Click [here](#) to complete the disclosure online.

Institutional Support: Letters of support from deans or other institutional officials are encouraged, but are not required.

Application Deadline

To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than **December 1, 2026** to publications@asanet.org.

Note: To minimize conflicts of interest, do not submit your own work to the journal or series for which you are applying from January 1, 2027, until a decision has been announced.

Questions? Please feel free to contact the ASA Director of Publications, Catherine Yim, at cyim@asanet.org. You should also feel free to contact the current editors, William Carbonaro and Anna Haskins, at william.carbonaro.1@nd.edu and ahaskins@nd.edu.